



CIA Role in recon. programs

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(The DCI, NIPE Staff, and DD/S&T giving consideration pro and con to CIA remaining in overhead recon business. John McMahon, whose appointment to NRO Staff had been held up and who was serving with ~~NIPE & PPB~~ as an interim assignment wrote to DD/Programs Evaluation, justifying CIA role, beginning with U-2 and on) *(office of B.P.A.M.)*

A note he wrote on the transmittal sheet read

"Should the Director decide to permit CIA to continue in reconnaissance programs, then some consideration might be given to shortening the chain of internal command such as returning OSA to the compartmented project status it once enjoyed during the days of AQUATONE."

NRO review(s) completed.